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It Took 150 Years to Build.

"On the eighth day of July, the year 1401, the Dean and chapter of Seville assembled in the court of elms and solemnly resolved: 'Let us build a church so great, that those who come after us may think us mad to have attempted it' ... The church took 150 years to build." Thus to return to that eminent sentimentalist, Mr. Galsworthy, whose "Castles in Spain" in the Yale Review for October has served as a background for the Emerald's original editorial discussion of the R. O. T. C. and for Dean Colin V. Dymont's answer thereto in the issue of yesterday.

And now we quote Mr. Dymont: "Mr. Galsworthy, however, has the good judgement which I do not always have and which I perceive you yourself do not have, to postdate his castle one hundred and fifty years perhaps." Did not the great structure in Spain take 150 years to complete, Mr. Dymont? Were the University of Oregon to undertake such a thing would it not soon be time to start?

All this of course has to do with dreams and, as Mr. Dymont says, such things are incongruities in the war department, to say great an extent doubtless as the Emerald believes the R. O. T. C. is an incongruity in university life. But there is another flank on which this military organization is open to attack.

Granting even that the R. O. T. C. is a desirable thing—which The Emerald does not grant—why is it so forced into academic life? Four morning hours a week are lifted bodily from the student's best period for work. Add to this the three, both morning and afternoon, required for gymnasium—which The Emerald heartily favors and would seriously offer in place of drill—and one finds that seven hours, almost an average working day, is stolen from the academic province. It is too much!

"One does not see how the University of Oregon can step out from the ranks and refuse to hold up the government's hands," declares Dean Dymont. To The Emerald's almost certain knowledge military drill and gymnasium are offered as alternatives at Stanford thus removing drill as graduation prerequisite. At Colorado university we believe that drill is not compulsory and we believe also that a roll call of the universities of the country would find many like cases.

This paper has no quarrel with the staff of the R. O. T. C., those officers who are detailed here to carry out the government's policy. It does believe however, that they are working under a handicap imposed by the falsity of their position for which they are, of course, in no way responsible.

No attempt is made to cause the university administration the least embarrassment. The Emerald is a newspaper published by the associated students and as such believes its place to be as a mirror to campus sentiment. A poll of the campus, it truly thinks, would find 85 per cent or more of the undergraduate body unalterably opposed to the R. O. T. C. and the principle which makes possible its incongruous existence. And thus it has undertaken to express this sentiment. It realizes fully that an obligation is entailed upon the administration to retain the corps for the present but it would raise its voice in protest against any move which would mean its establishment as a permanent fixture in our life here at Oregon.

Dean Dymont, The Emerald does not concur with you that "defense of country comes hard at all times." We point out to you Oregon's record in the late war. It was glorious then and would be again were it to mean annihilation!

Open Forum

WOMEN'S SELF RULE UPHELD

To the Editor: At last, someone has had the good judgment to make use of the privilege of "free speech and free press" and give the opinion of the many and numerous rules governing women at the University of Oregon.

The question is thrown up to the women, "Why is it not possible for some of these all University women's organizations to get together and draw up their own set of rules?" Verily, I say, that it would be considered "a breach of etiquette" or "unladylike" at Oregon, to depart from the ways of our predecessors and make the suggestion that we are thinking women. According to the last report from the regis-

trar's office the figures showed that the women's grades were higher than the men's but when it comes down to a practical application of the women doing a bit of thinking for themselves that is a different matter. They lose their long revered "conservatism" and become radical; if their movements become too well known they are informed that they are guilty of great misconduct and are causing a considerable commotion and disturbance. Are not all great changes brought about by arousing the thinking people to act?

When the law school adopted the "honor system" why did they not say: "It is for the men only," and leave women to be governed by the old regime? No, they put them on the same basis in that department of the University. They gave the credit due them in regard to a woman's honor and the control over her actions. They gave her

BULLETIN BOARD

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in the office by 4:30 o'clock of the day on which it is to be published and must be limited to 25 words.

University Vesper Service—The University Vesper service will be held Sunday afternoon, January 15 at 4:30. The address will be given by President Doney of Willamette University.

Oregon Cub Men—An important meeting of all Oregon club men, and non-fraternity men will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hut 7:15 o'clock Monday evening.

Monday Book Club—Meeting at the Woman's building January 21 for scholarship fund for girls. The purpose is to lend money to college girls, without interest.

Newman Club Weekly Social Hour—Friday afternoon, 4 to 6 o'clock at Newman hall. All members are invited to attend and an enjoyable time is assured.

Young People's Banquet—Will be held in the Methodist church Tuesday at 6 p. m. Bishop Smith, of India, and Bishop Shephard, of Portland, will speak. Tickets at "Y" hut.

Freshman Girls—Practice for freshman basketball teams Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:15 p. m.—Out door gym. Everybody out!

the opportunity of showing her capability in conducting herself. Can this not be applied in every day life and not to one period only?

At the University of California they have one hall for women which accommodates one hundred women, many sororities and organized groups, besides several hundred women who live in apartments in groups of three and four. They make the arrangements which are satisfactory to the group.

What is the result in the long run from the scholastic standpoint? The scholarship standard of California is higher than that of Oregon which is only one of the things which show that it is not necessary to have an omnipotent power asking these girls to be in at 10:30 and informing them that they shall observe study rules between specified hours, wear a prescribed hiking suit, etc. How childish!

Are not the women of university age and ability being made to appear ridiculous? Where does self government play a part? Where does the power of individuality assert itself? Must we continue to gullify the public into thinking that woman's power to conduct herself must be prescribed by rules? We seek an opportunity for women to make their own regulations.

SENIOR CO-ED.

A LETTER TO DEAN DYMENT

To the Editors:— This may sound impertinent, Dean Dymont. It isn't so intended. I am seriously trying to find in your argument a basis upon which a college student might stand. I am unable to do so.

Your attitude, it seems to me, is the more or less passive, opportunistic view of the world. "We have always had wars," you say. "And from all indications we'll continue to have wars for

many generations. We ourselves are a very generous, frank and altruistic nation, but we can't trust our neighbors, since they haven't our noble nature. Therefore, hold the olive branch in the right hand and the big stick in the other."

Dean Dymont, you know as well as I that such a state of mind has made possible most of the wars of modern times. You know as well as I that such an attitude of veiled hostility and distrust, manufactured in peace time, is but one step from actual combat; it feeds the flames of national pride, the sense of racial superiority, and racial prejudice; soon a minor dispute over some two by four coral island, or some imprisoned drunken beach comber leads to actual conflict, and again thousands and thousands of lives are lost because of the clouded vision of peoples.

What has this philosophy of yours done to us after each war? Peoples have cried out, "No more war. We are tired beyond comprehension of slaughter and waste. It's criminal, it's asinine folly, it forever prevents any possible attainment of a higher and more beautiful life in this world. The path of the four Horsemen is strewn with the wreckage that once was the surplus the world had laid away in the form of beautiful buildings, cathedrals, statues, and paintings—things by which men's souls might advance to a higher plane of usefulness and to a higher realm of justice and happiness."

And the politicians and diplomats and national leaders go to the peace conference echoing with their lips that cry: "No more war."

Then what happens? The opportunistic philosophy of national greed and distrust permeates nine-tenths of the delegates—blase, cynical, "practical" leaders of nations. To the reporter they smile and say, "Everything is going finely." In the diplomatic back alleys and ante-rooms they cook up new alliances and create new balances of power, "to provide against any possibilities of future aggression that might arise."

Its all wrong, Dean Dymont! The psychology is cave man psychology. The ragged-tailed dove of peace has never in this war-frenzied world had a fair chance. The cards are stacked against her by the eternal reiteration of that phrase of yours to the effect that "Castles in Spain are all right—but not now."

That, it seems to me, is a middle-aged view of life, lacking faith, hope, and charity—and vision. Castles in Spain are all right, right now, and they would succeed if they were a militant body of men and women organized into some such group as the society for the caretaking of Castles in Spain.

If we cannot get in this University some measure of the nobility and dignity, and inherent possibility for beauty

and happiness of the individual, then this University is not worth attending, and a four years' course here is not worth a plugged penny. And if our instructors cannot utilize the immense mass of knowledge before them, organize the great enthusiasm of young peoples, and impart to us, in some small measure, the tradition of the thinkers and great teachers of all the ages who have labored their lives through in the furtherance of an ideal, then those instructors are utter failures and they do not belong on this campus.

This is not a vocational school simply. If I wanted to learn the way to bread and butter solely I would not spend four years here. I am looking for something else, and when I manage to get into an instructor's class who has

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1. Do you accept the explanation of evolution as to the universe and man?
2. Do you call yourself a Christian? If so, why? If not, why not?
3. What is your idea about God?
4. How do you estimate Jesus Christ?
5. Do you think of yourself as a sinner? If so, what are you going to do about it?
6. From what influences, mental, moral or spiritual, do you get a sense of direction in life? In other words, by what rules are you willing to play the game of life?

The first of a series of sermons giving my own interpretation of a faith based on the above questions will be given at the

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